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Subject: House Bill 6666 - An Act Concerning Teacher Certification

Sir

I am sure you are aware of the importance of House Bill 6666 requiring that Connecticut schools certify teachers implementing individual education plans (IEP) where applied behavior analysis is being used to educate autistic children. As parents of an autistic child we have lived through the IEP processes in the public schools and the consistent refusal of school administrators to provide any credentials for the therapists for our son. Continued problems with these services ultimately led to our decision to remove our son from the public schools and seek his placement in a private school where we could be assured of the qualifications of his therapists. Autistic children are very difficult to educate. While the continued use of un- (or under-) qualified personnel to provide these services may have short term economic benefits to schools in terms of lower salaries, the long term damage suffered by these children as a result must be remedied. House bill 6666 will be a good start to providing these needed services.

We look forward to your support !

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